

The Top Rated Transportation Tips For Your Pooch

Whether you're taking your dog across the country or down the street to the veterinarian, it is important that he feels comfortable and safe. Depending on the distance you are traveling and the means by which you are getting there, there are many options for transporting your pooch.

Some dogs enjoy riding in the passenger seat beside their owners or sitting in the truck bed. If the trip is short and the dog is well-behaved, then this isn't a terrible idea. Dogs can sense danger, and will normally not jump out of a moving car. However, it is always a good idea to secure your pet. Many companies make restraints designed especially for transporting dogs in the backs of trucks.

Small dogs are not always content sitting in the passenger seat. They often like to run about the vehicle and require constant attention from their owners. In this case, do not let your pet run freely around the vehicle. This is dangerous for you, your pooch, and other drivers on the road. Moreover, if you're traveling further than a few miles, then consider other options for your pet. You wouldn't let your children hang their heads out the window while traveling down the interstate. No matter how much he likes the wind in his fur, treat your dog with the same safety precautions. Crates and travel carriers are good options for keeping your pet safe.

Portable carriers, or kennels, come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Made from high-impact plastic, these carriers are durable and easy to clean. They are spacious, and provide plenty of breathing room with air holes all around. The doors latch, and provide a secure haven for your pet. Most carriers have slots where seatbelts can fasten and provide storage space for treats or leashes. Many portable kennels also double as a training tool: they can be used when housebreaking your pet.

If you are taking a long trip, be sure to stop often and allow your dog to stretch his legs. Being cooped up in a small space for a long period of time will only make him angry and irritable. Pack a leash and some treats in the convenient storage compartment, and you're ready to go!

If you're going on a trip that requires air transportation, then make sure you check with the airline on its pet transportation procedures. For a fee, many airlines allow small dogs to be carried onto the plane as long as they are traveling in an appropriate pet carrier that can be properly stowed beneath the seat. If you choose to carry-on your pet, then make sure you line the bottom of the crate with newspaper and thick padding. That way, if your dog accidentally urinates during the trip, he won't be wet and miserable. Also, let him drink water before boarding the plane, and take along extra food and treats.

Also for a fee, larger dogs can be transported in the cargo hold. Airlines require that the travel carriers meet specific guidelines, such as size and ventilation. If you are transporting multiple dogs, then there are additional rules. If older than six months, you can only have one dog per crate. Two puppies are allowed to travel in the same container as long as they are under a certain age and of the same litter. Also, keep in mind weather, because airlines will not allow pets to travel if the cargo hold will experience extremely high or low temperatures.

Another option is hiring a pet carrier service that takes care of everything for you. At minimum, they provide you with any information you may need, such as airline rules and regulations. Many services arrange all air travel for you. They will pick up your pet at your specified time, deliver him to the airport, check him in, and arrange for pickup service at your desired location. Costs of such services vary, so check pricing and options before you choose your carrier.

Traveling with your dog is always fun for the whole family. Unfortunately, getting your pooch to your destination can be a pain. If it's a quick trip, then consider using a travel carrier that fits easily in your car. If it's a longer trip, then check with the airline and weigh your possibilities. Or, if you don't want to fool with the specifics, then hire a pet carrier service to fulfill your needs. No matter what, you won't regret having your dog with you in the end!

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